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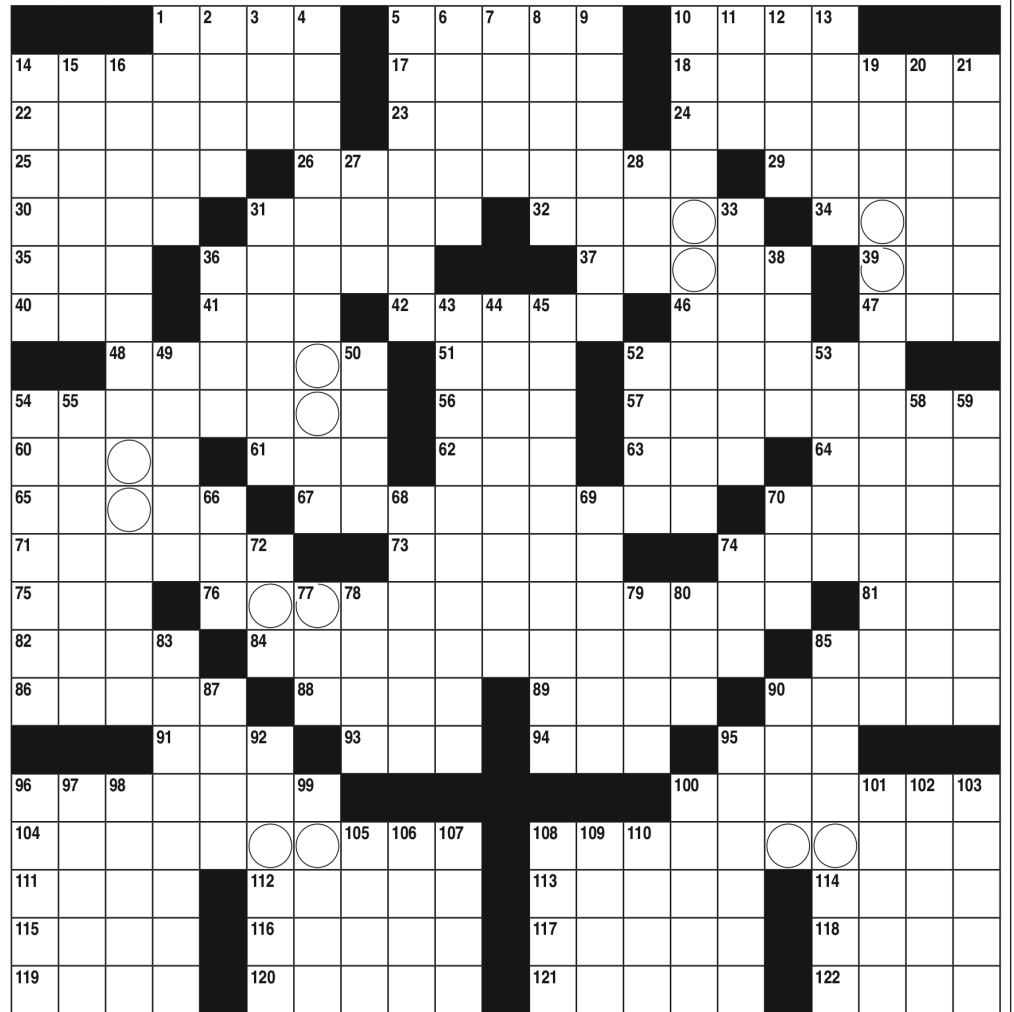
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MAPLE LEAF

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Stephen McCarthy, originally from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, is a Ph.D. student studying transportation modeling in Stockholm. He made this puzzle last September, about a month after moving. "I was homesick, and this was a way of connecting to my home," he said. In his spare time, McCarthy plays Ultimate Frisbee, sings in the Stockholm Gay Choir and makes and solves crosswords. This is his first published puzzle. — W.S.

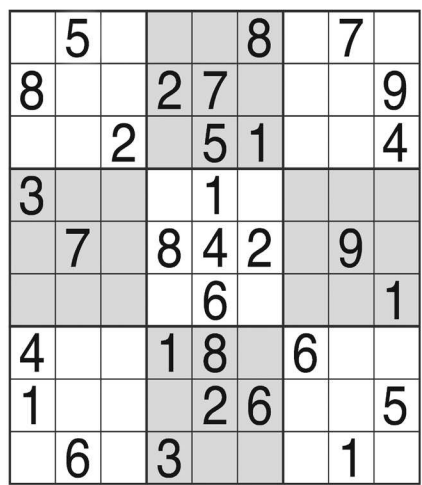
- ACROSS**
- 1 Writer who created Oz
 - 5 "Obviously," in slang
 - 10 First word of "A Visit From St. Nicholas"
 - 14 "... with possibly direr consequences"
 - 17 ___ Berliner, pioneer in phonograph records
 - 18 Lex Luthor, to Superman
 - 22 Raised
 - 23 Bit of asparagus
 - 24 Alternately
 - 25 Lines up
 - 26 Agitated
 - 29 Pricy
 - 30 M.L.B. team with a big "W" in its logo
 - 31 Rx order
 - 32 "Revolution," to "Hey Jude"
 - 34 Space-scanning org.
 - 35 It may be bitter
 - 36 Like bees
 - 37 Not ___ (mediocre)
 - 39 Clear weeds, in a way
 - 40 Part "missing" from p.s.i.
 - 41 Mystery writer Deighton
 - 42 Words cried after "Go"
 - 46 Abbr. after a price in a Craigslist ad
 - 47 Lt.'s inferior
 - 48 Decidedly
- DOWN**
- 1 Pears with a sweet-spiced flavor
 - 2 Part of B.A.
 - 3 Deploy
 - 4 Alberta city named for an eagle-feather headdress
 - 5 Like some birds or dolls
 - 6 Excite
 - 7 Rank
 - 8 Stops talking, with "up"
 - 9 Mettle that may merit a medal
 - 10 Two-player game invented in Toronto
 - 11 Sardonic
 - 12 ___ of Parliament
 - 13 Stops talking, with "up"
 - 14 "Nice burn!"
 - 15 Battle ___
 - 16 Seasonal destination near Quebec City
 - 19 Program introduced by the Trudeau government in 1984, colloquially
 - 20 Approximate weight of the Liberty Bell
 - 21 Spots
 - 27 Advocacy grp. that filed for bankruptcy in 2021
 - 28 Words at an unveiling?
 - 31 Cry after an award is announced
 - 33 Woman's short hairstyle
 - 36 Portrayer of Senator Vinick on "The West Wing"
 - 38 Level or bevel
 - 43 Like some outlets
 - 44 Desert planet of "Star Wars"
 - 45 Be batty, in a way?
 - 91 Financial org. once deemed "too big to fail"
 - 93 Newfoundland, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 94 Serpentine swimmer
 - 95 Root-beer brand
 - 96 Veterans
 - 100 Range within which you can answer the question "Can you hear me now?"
 - 104 Six-time winner of the N.H.L.'s Art Ross Trophy, born in Saskatchewan
 - 108 "24" and "Suits" actress, born in Halifax
 - 111 Princess who says "Why, you stuck-up, half-witted, scruffy-looking nerf herder!"
 - 112 Dish served on a skewer
 - 113 Congresswoman Omar
 - 114 Actress Lena
 - 115 Suppliers of the milk for Roquefort cheese
 - 116 Singer Mary J. ___
 - 117 Moves quickly and lightly
 - 118 Not only that
 - 119 Rehearsal, e.g., in slang
 - 120 Approvals
 - 121 You can believe it
 - 122 "Likewise"
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- 49 Canuck, e.g., for short
- 50 Capital of Qatar
- 52 Like bells in carillons
- 53 Part of L.C.D.
- 54 Some salon supplies
- 55 Like Rochester and Syracuse, but not New York City
- 58 Novel convenience?
- 59 Band whose 1999 hit "Smooth" spent 12 weeks at No. 1
- 66 Sleep stage
- 68 Overturns
- 69 "Very high," on a fire-danger scale
- 70 Iowa Cubs baseball classification
- 72 Et ___ (footnote abbr.)
- 74 Federal regulatory org.
- 77 Rose or lilac
- 78 "Where ___ go wrong?"
- 79 Novelist Gaiman
- 80 Pound sound
- 83 Thrown together
- 85 They might help with changing your locks
- 87 One with a phony personality?
- 90 Snake oil, purportedly
- 92 Passes
- 95 Central route thru town
- 96 Leers at
- 97 Frederick who composed "Camelot"
- 98 Helps a dishwasher, say
- 99 One source of oil
- 100 Cheer
- 101 Shout, informally
- 102 ___ Wars, conflicts of 1839-42 and 1856-60
- 103 It may be perfect or simple, but not both
- 105 Big elevator maker
- 106 \$15/hour, e.g.
- 107 What most spiders have eight of
- 108 Hitchhiker's need
- 109 International fashion magazine
- 110 Climb, as a rope

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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PAUSMC
VRHEIT
TROESE
CSWEHA
OIMCEN

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"AT THE ANGER MANAGEMENT SESSION ..." By ED SESSA

ACROSS

- 1 Where many a promise is made
- 6 Slugger's stats
- 10 Llectric Shave competitor
- 14 CNN alternative
- 19 With 38-Across, Beethoven oeuvre with 35 works
- 20 Apiece
- 21 Seal site
- 22 Pong creator
- 23 IGTV company, briefly
- 24 On the safer side
- 25 Hebrides hill
- 26 Assigned a grade
- 27 ... Rudolph was ___
- 29 ... Elsie was ___
- 31 MLB blasts
- 32 Fat substitute
- 34 Type of type that shows stress
- 35 Gave a thumbs-up
- 36 Hung over?
- 38 See 19-Across
- 42 ... Humpty Dumpty was ___
- 46 "Storm" seabird
- 47 Went by train
- 48 "Fresh Air" aier
- 49 "His Dark Materials" protagonist "welcome"
- 52 ... Marx Brothers film setting
- 55 Beatles nonsense syllables
- 59 Gp. using caps and crowns
- 61 Touch of frost
- 62 Bayou music style
- 64 ... Herbie the "Love Bug" was ___
- 69 Mano a mano
- 71 "Words have consequences," e.g.
- 72 Singer Anthony
- 73 ... Santa Claus was ___
- 78 Hardest to find
- 82 Jimmy Eat World genre
- 83 Korean car company
- 84 Movie physician with a two-letter name
- 85 Playground problem
- 86 Lou Grant portrayer
- 89 Oil filter brand
- 125 Mineral removed from some baby powder
- 126 Kate's TV mate
- 127 Economic upsurges
- 128 Supreme leader?
- 129 Big name in skin care
- 130 Upper body muscles, for short
- 131 Mighty silly
- 132 Frozen rope, in baseball
- 133 Zaps
- 134 Fighting
- 135 Virginia's so-called "Lost Colony"
- 136 Rose on hind legs
- 137 Hayfield sights
- 138 Summer cooler
- 139 Sow or doe
- 140 Group honored at a Stockholm exhibit
- 141 With great enthusiasm
- 142 Feature
- 143 Gemini rockets
- 144 Blues singer played by Viola Davis
- 145 How dotted notes should be played
- 146 Brussels-based gp.
- 147 Cold one
- 148 El ___
- 149 Close in theaters
- 150 "Nagila": Israeli folk song
- 151 Unappetizing stuff
- 152 Cold and damp
- 153 Shovel it in
- 154 Addition, maybe
- 155 Animal part that trumpets
- 156 Nest on a crest
- 157 Got some shut-eye
- 158 TV physician with a two-letter name
- 159 Viscous
- 160 Fingered
- 161 "No ___!"
- 162 Shoe polish applicator
- 163 Garden guy
- 164 Part of a musical
- 165 Boring
- 166 Word with stone or star
- 167 Crown or plaque
- 168 Bacteriologist's material
- 169 Trough call?
- 170 Hunchback of fiction
- 171 Bright sign
- 172 Graceful equine
- 173 Places to pick up puppies?
- 174 End-of-week cry
- 175 Quite a lot
- 176 "No more for me, thanks"
- 177 Printer supply
- 178 Pine ___ dugout supply
- 179 Avenue ___ Paris' widest street
- 180 "The Time Machine" people
- 181 Musical score mark
- 182 Item in a Brit's boot
- 183 "Divine Comedy," e.g.
- 184 Changes the wall covering
- 185 Spare tires in trunks?
- 186 Hosp. procedure
- 187 Joie de vivre
- 188 Creeping creature
- 189 First name in '50s TV comedy
- 190 Geraint's wife
- 191 Bank convenience
- 192 Not surprising
- 193 Holy Grail seeker
- 194 One putting words to music
- 195 Quite a lot
- 196 "No more for me, thanks"
- 197 Printer supply
- 198 Pine ___ dugout supply
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Daily Bridge Club

Wild hands

By FRANK STEWART
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A fan wrote me, asking about how to handle hands worth an opening bid but with freakish distribution. The example he gave was 5, A K 7 6 5, 8, K J 10 6 5 3. My fan wrote that his partner insisted on opening in the major suit.

I do prefer to get the major suit mentioned early, lest it not get mentioned at all, especially if the hand is a minimum in high cards. I would open one heart with 6, A Q 7 6 5, A K 7 6 3 2, 2. With more high-card strength — 6, A Q 7 6 5, A K 7 6 3 2, A — opener can start with one diamond, then "reverse" with a heart bid next.

With hands that are even wilder, all bets are off. Experts choose an opening bid on a case-by-case basis, depending on the hand's strength and how they will describe it after opening.

Opening one spade with today's South hand would strike me as extreme. I would open one club, then bid and rebid spades cheaply. North-South reached four spades when slam in either black suit would have been a favorite; North might have bid more. But South didn't make even four spades. He ruffed the second diamond, took dummy's king of clubs and drew trumps, leaving him with none. When he cashed the ace of clubs next, East discarded, and the queen of clubs won South's last trick. Down two.

South must play carefully in case of bad breaks. After he takes the king of clubs, he leads a trump to his ace, ruffs a club with the king of trumps and overtakes the jack of trumps with his queen. South then runs the clubs. He has two trumps left and retains control, losing two trumps to East plus one diamond.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K J 2
♥ Q 8 6 5 4 2
♦ Q 7 3
♣ K

WEST
♠ 8
♥ K 10 9 7 3
♦ J 10 4
♣ J 10 8 4

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ A J
♦ A K 9 8 5 2
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ None
♦ 6
♣ A Q 7 6 5 3 2

South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♦
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ J

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